



ARIZONA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Regular Session Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2021

Board Members Present via Webex: Barbara Paulson, Chair, Public Member
Charlene Marbs, Vice-Chair, Public Member
Dr. Quenton McCallister, OT Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present via Webex: Karen Whiteford, Executive Director
Vicki Egurrola, Administrative Assistant

Legal Staff Present via Webex: Scott Donald, Assistant Attorney General

Location: Meeting was held via Webex due to COVID-19 concerns
Meeting number 177 037 3953

1) CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McCallister called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2) ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Quenton McCallister, Barbara Paulson, and Charlene Marbs

3) DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no reported conflicts of interest

4) REVIEW, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

a) Initial Applications – Board Review

i) Paul Vallarta – Disclosure

Ms. Paulson provided a summary of the matter, stating that Ms. Vallarta disclosed multiple arrests and convictions; however, he failed to report some of his criminal history and a disciplinary action from the Nevada Board of Occupational Therapy. Ms. Paulson moved the Board go into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote. The Board entered executive session at 1:40 p.m. and returned at 2:20 p.m.

Mr. Vallarta was present and answered questions regarding his failure to disclose all information to the Board. Mr. Vallarta stated the omissions were his mistake and that he was not trying to hold anything back. Following discussion, Dr. McCallister moved the Board go into executive session for legal advice. Ms. Paulson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote. The Board entered executive session at 2:35 p.m. and returned to regular session at 2:36 p.m. After further discussion, Dr. McCallister moved the Board deny Mr.

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Vallarta's application for licensure based on violation of A.R.S. § 32-3423 and 32-3401(10)(s). Ms. Marbs seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1 by roll call vote, with Ms. Paulson voting nay.

5) AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

No items were requested for the next meeting.

6) CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No additional members of the public were present.

7) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:52 p.m.